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RE:

MOHAVE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. - APPLICATION FOR

APPROVAL OF ITS 2012 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD AND

TARIFF PLAN AND TARIFF (DOCKET NO. E-01750A-11-0270)

Background

On July 1, 2011, Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("MEC" or "Mohave") filed an application for approval of its 2012 Renewable Energy Standard and Tariff ("REST") Plan.

Commission Decision No. 72092 (January 20, 2011) approved MEC's Plan for 2011. The 2012 REST Plan maintains the significant features of the 2011 Plan and would expand *Community-Based Projects*. MEC is not seeking any changes to its REST surcharge.

MEC is a rural electric distribution cooperative headquartered in Bullhead City, Arizona, providing electric service to approximately 34,500 members in Mohave, Coconino, and Yavapai counties. MEC owns and operates 109 miles of 69 kV distribution lines and 1,375 miles of other distribution lines. MEC employs approximately 80 employees and provides service to 27 meters per mile of line in its service territory.

MEC is a wholesale power customer of the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("AEPCO") and purchases additional wholesale resources from other market providers. In 2010, MEC delivered 655 gigawatt-hours in retail sales to its members. This represents a 2.5% reduction from 2009.

MEC's REST Plan

The MEC REST Plan would include eight component programs intended to achieve annual renewable energy goals, which for 2012 is 1% of retail energy sales, adjusted for projected savings achieved through MEC's EE Plan. The components are:

Arizona Corporation Commission

- Voluntary Renewable Energy Program

- Member Self-Directed Renewable Energy Program

- SunWatts Residential and Commercial Incentive Program

- Clean Renewable Energy Bonds ("CREBs")

- SunWatts Large-Scale Program (In conjunction with AEPCO)

- Analysis of Geothermal Resources Within and Outside of MEC's Service Territory

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- Distributed Generation Solar Installation Within MEC's Service Territory
- Community-based Projects

Voluntary Renewable Energy Program

MEC would continue to offer a voluntary program whereby participating customers can purchase "green energy" in 50 kWh blocks at a cost of \$2.00 each. MEC is not proposing any change to this program.

Member Self-Directed Renewable Energy Program

An MEC customer who pays more than \$25,000 annually in renewable energy surcharge funds may apply to MEC to receive funds to install distributed renewable energy resources. MEC is not proposing any change to this program.

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MEC continues to explore development of a renewable energy project up to 5 MW within its service territory. The project could be either developer-based or MEC's own development. Decision No. 71407 ordered that such a project would count toward meeting the REST rule Renewable Energy Resources requirement but that no determination would be made at that time regarding it meeting the Distributed Renewable Energy Resources requirement. A final determination would be based on the project details when available.

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Non-profit project

MEC would select an additional non-profit facility to receive a PV system not to exceed \$25,000.

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MEC uses bill inserts, monthly newsletters, television, radio, and community events to advertise and promote its REST programs.

Request for Flexibility to Shift Funds between Programs

MEC is requesting the authority to shift REST Plan funds between programs. MEC would notify Staff of any plan to shift funds no less than 30 days prior to implementing the shift. If Staff notifies MEC in writing that it opposes the shift of funds, no shift would occur unless MEC first secures a Commission order authorizing the shift.

Staff recommends that MEC notify Staff no less than 60 days prior to implementing any shift in funds.

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- MEC continues its Willcox Greenhouse Geothermal Project agreement with Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative and AEPCO. The project has provided approximately 1,725,647 RECs to MEC.

Budget

MEC has proposed the budget shown below in Table 1. The proposal for 2012 is an increase over the approved 2011 REST budget (from \$1.521 million to \$1.827 million).

Staff recommends that Mohave be allowed to shift funds between programs with the following restrictions:

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| 8 | IN THE MATTER OF MOHAVE) DOCKET NO. E-01750A-11-0270 | | | | |
| 9 | ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC) APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS) DECISION NO | | | | |
| 10 | 2012 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD) ORDER | | | | |
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| 13 | January 10 and 11, 2012 | | | | |
| 14 | Phoenix, Arizona | | | | |
| 15 | BY THE COMMISSION: | | | | |
| 16 | <u>FINDINGS OF FACT</u> | | | | |
| 17 | Background | | | | |
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Revenues

RES Funding

Tariff Revenues

Expenditures

Carry Forward Funding

Residential and Commercial Incentives

GeoThermal Resources-Willcox Greenhouse

5 MW Distributed Generation-Solar

PV For Schools Loan Repayment

Administration & Advertising

GO SOLAR Website

Solar Water Heating

Habitat for Humanity

Other Programs

Total Expenditures

Fire Department Complex

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Funding and Surcharge

26. Staff has reviewed MEC's proposed Renewable Energy Standard Tariff which sets forth the surcharge rates and monthly maximums to be collected to fund its annual budget for 2012 and which are unchanged from presently-approved rates. Impact of the tariff on customer bills is shown in Table 2. Proposed surcharge rates and expected revenue from customer classes are shown in Table 3.

Table 1

Mohave Electric Cooperative

Renewable Energy Resources Budget Five-Year Forecast

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Table 2
Mohave Electric Cooperative
2012 REST Funding from Surcharge

| Customer Class | Monthly Cap | Avg Bill | Customers at Cap |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------|
| Residential | \$3.10 | \$2.66 | 73.22% |
| Governmental | \$15.00 | \$3.12 | 9.18% |
| Irrigation | \$49.00 | \$27.66 | 46.30% |
| Small Commercial | \$49.00 | \$9.73 | 6.32% |
| Large Power | \$49.00 | \$46.16 | 94.62% |
| Highway | \$3.10 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| Non-Residential ≥ 3 MW | \$147.00 | \$147.00 | 100.00% |
| Government or Agricultural ≥ 3 MW | \$49.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |

Table 3
Mohave Electric Cooperative
2012 REST Funding from Surcharge

| | Energy Charge | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Customer Class | (\$/kWh) | Revenue | kWh |
| Residential | 0.0095006 | \$1,113,284 (70.1%) | 117,180,371 (53.6%) |
| Governmental | 0.0009420 | \$14,632 (0.9%) | 15,532,472 (7.1%) |
| Irrigation | 0.0053714 | \$9,403 (0.6%) | 2,137,533 (1.0%) |
| Small Commercial | 0.0053714 | \$400,736 (25.3%) | 74,605,461 (34.1%) |
| Large Power | 0.0053714 | \$47,220 (3.0%) | 8,970,947 (4.1%) |
| Highway | 0.0095006 | \$0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| Non-Residential ≥ 3 MW | 0.0053714 | \$1,764 (0.1%) | 328,392 (0.2%) |
| Government or Agricultural ≥ 3 MW | 0.0009420 | \$0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| Total | | \$1,587,039 (100.0%) | 218,755,176 (100.0%) |

Recommendations

- 27. Staff has recommended that Mohave's proposed 2012 Renewable Energy Standard Plan and Tariff be approved as discussed herein.
- 28. Staff has recommended that Mohave's Renewable Energy Standard Tariff rates and caps remain at present levels as proposed and as shown in Tables 2 and 3 herein.
 - 29. Staff has recommended that Mohave's incentive amounts remain at present levels.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an Arizona public service corporation within 1. the meaning of Article XV, Section 2 of the Arizona Constitution.
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. and over the subject matter of the application.

1 3. The Commission, having reviewed the application and Staff's Memorandum dated 2 December 9, 2011, concludes that it is in the public interest to approve the Mohave Electric 3 Cooperative, Inc.'s 2012 REST Implementation Plan as discussed herein. **ORDER** 4 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s proposed 2012 5 REST implementation plan be approved as discussed herein. 6 7 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Renewable 8 Energy Standard Tariff rates and caps remain at present levels as proposed and as shown in Tables 2 and 3 herein. 9 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s incentive 10 11 amounts remain at present levels. 12 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. be allowed to shift funds between programs with the following restrictions: 13 No more than 15% of a Program's approved budget may be affected by the shift. 14 a. 15 b. Mohave would notify Staff of any plan to shift funds no less than 60 days prior to implementing the shift. 16 If Staff notifies Mohave in writing that it opposes the shift of funds, no shift would 17 c. occur unless Mohave first secures a Commission order authorizing the shift. 18 Within 60 days following any funds shift, Mohave would submit to Staff a revised 19 d. 20 budget recognizing the shift of funds. 21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. work with Arizona 22 Public Service Company and Tucson Electric Power Company in an effort to establish a REST 23 Format Working Group as discussed herein. 24 25 26 27

| 1 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mohave Electric Cooperative, Inc. file in Docket Contr | | | | |
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| 2 | a Renewable Energy Standard Tariff consistent with the Decision in this case within 15 days of the | | | | |
| 3 | effective date of the Decision. | | | | |
| 4 | IT IS FURTHER ORD | ERED that this Order shall become | ne effective immediately. | | |
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